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LB 954

SENATOR JOHNSON: I think that what I am really getting at, Senator DeCamp, and I can appreciate your point that the bill doesn't deal specifically with snowstorms, but, of course, it could deal with electrical outage that are caused by snowstorms.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, you have got about...we have let you go overtime a little bit so you have got about...

SENATOR JOHNSON: I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker. Is there any reason to believe though that because a snowstorm itself could cause an electrical interruption that nonetheless this particular definition of a vital resource crisis might be quite broad?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Needless to say any legislation that gives emergency powers to a chief executive gives also a burden and a duty and a responsibility on that chief executive to make certain interpretations and judgments. If the chief executive of this state using this language viewed that snowstorm as involving energy as directly as this bill requires, then possibly by some stretch of the imagination he could utilize this legislation. I, personally, doubt that is possible. I personally believe if the chief executive, whether he be Charlie Thone, Jim Exon or let's hope Johnny DeCamp, if he chose to declare that emergency crisis, he would use existing law.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body for your indulgence.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are we ready to adopt the committee amendments. The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendments. Is there any further discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the DeCamp amendments to 954 vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is the DeCamp amendments. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the DeCamp amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have amendments from Senator DeCamp to the bill I understand he wishes to withdraw.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any objections? So ordered. Any other items?